



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2011

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: G. Alec Steele
Director, Reimbursement Services
Division of Financial Management

Subject: SFY 2010 UPL Hospital Payments

BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

The Department has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to proceed with issuing Upper Payment Limit (UPL) payments to hospitals for State Fiscal Year 2010. Information about the schedule of events, notice of intent, UPL payment amount and intergovernmental transfer, if applicable, are provided on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Providers," "Hospital," and "Supplemental Reimbursement." UPL calculations were based on updated 2008 HS&R report data and hospital 2008 cost report data.

As indicated in the web site information, UPL payments to Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) are scheduled to be made on March 15, 2011. For hospitals other than CAHs, the UPL payment will depend on the receipt of an IGT from the governmental entity affiliated with your hospital. Please note that, except for Critical Access Hospitals, the intergovernmental transfer must be received by noon on Monday, March 7, 2011, for payment to be issued on March 15, 2011.

In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer **must be submitted** by Wednesday, March 2, 2011, to document the expected method of transfer. If an IGT is not received by March 7, 2011, the associated UPL payment will be delayed until later this year. **Please note we will not accept checks or any late IGT.**

With regard to the payment to be made on March 15, 2011, it will be issued by EFT to the bank account previously used for UPL disbursements to your facility. If there has been any change to your facility's banking information, please provide the corrected information by March 2, 2011 to:

Ms. Lanika Dancy
Accounts Payable Paraprofessional
(404) 656-6277 or
Fax to (866) 879-8718

Typically, there is a 2 or 3-day delay between when EFT transactions are initiated and when the funds are deposited into a provider's bank account. Allowing for such a delay, the UPL payment should post to your facility's bank account on or before March 18, 2011.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 463-6669.